

close further debate on Amendment No. 267 (listed above). Pages S4405–13

Budget Process Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Page S4417

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Page S4417

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4417

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with instructions and report back forthwith. Page S4417

Lott Amendment No. 296 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), to provide for Social Security surplus preservation and debt reduction. Page S4417

Lott Amendment No. 297 (to Amendment No. 296), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4417

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of Amendment No. 255, on Friday, April 30, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 255 to occur at 10 a.m. Page S4423

National Military Appreciation Month Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Res. 33, designating May 1999 as "National Military Appreciation Month", on Friday, April 30, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S4423

Appointment:

Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce: The Chair announced on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, the appointment of Delna Jones of Oregon, Representative of Local Government, as a member of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, vice James Barksdale. Pages S4472–73

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury. (New Position)

Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S4474–76

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—95) Page S4413

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 30, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4475.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and George T. Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and 2,273 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force.

HUD GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on the management of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Grants Management System, after receiving testimony from Cardell Cooper, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director of Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Susan Elkins, Louisiana State Division of Community Development, Baton Rouge, on behalf of the Council of State Community Development Agencies; and David Robinson, Lake County Planning and Development Department, Waukegan, Illinois, on behalf of the National Community Development Association and the National Association for County Community Economic Development.

NASA BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, and Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Allen Li, Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, and the Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Interior concluded joint oversight hearings to review the GAO report on the Everglades National Park Restoration Project, after receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Michael Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Michael Collins, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held oversight hearings on the implementation of the

project delivery and streamlining provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, testimony from Delaware Governor Thomas R. Carper, Dover, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Charles Thompson, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Madison, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Brian A. Mills, Cass County, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Jerry W. Alb, Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympia; Tim Stowe, Anderson and Associates, Inc., Blacksburg, Virginia, on behalf of the American Consulting Engineers Council; Roy Kienitz, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington, D.C.; Brian R. Holmes, Connecticut Road Builders Association, Wethersfield, on behalf of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association; and Mitch Leslie, Montana Contractors' Association, Billings, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, after receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Judith A. Arnold, New York State Department of Health Division of Planning, Policy and Resource Development, Albany; Janet M. Corrigan, National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine, and Cindy Mann, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Barbara C. Edwards, Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Medicaid, Columbus.

INTERNATIONAL SOFTWARE PIRACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the impact of international software piracy on the software industry and the American economy, focusing on the World Intellectual Property Organization copyright treaties, Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights agreement, special 301 procedures, enforcement resources and willingness to enforce the laws, and the effect of the Asian economic crisis, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Richard W. Fisher, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Colleen M. Pouliot, Adobe Systems, Inc., San Jose, California, and Bradford L. Smith, Microsoft Corporation,

Redmond, Washington, both on behalf of the Business Software Alliance; and Robert E. Lohfeld, High Technology Council of Maryland, Greenbelt.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States;

S. 704, to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 29, to designate the week of May 2, 1999, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; and

S. Res. 72, designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as "National ALS Awareness Month."

RETENTION AND SOCIAL PROMOTION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on retention and social promotion, after receiving testimony from Milton Goldberg, National Alliance of Business, Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Hauser, University of Wisconsin—Madison Department of Sociology; and Gary D. Estes, WestEd, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, with amendments; and

The nominations of Joseph Bordogna, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, Kenneth Bresnahan, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, Lorraine Pratt Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education, Arthur Naparstek, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ruth Tumura, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board, Chang-lin Tien, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, and Gary Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee is recessed subject to call.

911/LAW ENFORCEMENT Y2K READINESS.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded the 911 emergency systems and local law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Michael K. Powell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Justice Management Division, and Harlin R. McEwen, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; John S. Karangekis, Wethersfield Police Department, Wethersfield, Connecticut; and James N. Brown, Hudson Police Department, Hudson, Ohio.